

Lewis Tappan,

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Rev. A. A. Phelps

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Boston

Dear Brother

As I promised you, I return you the communication you made for the Reporter for revision. I would not do this except in confidence that you will return it or save anything better. Suppose you give a capital article of a page or less stating what was done at the late meeting of the Board - Newspaper position with relation to the anti-slavery cause - and the duty of xian abolitionists with regard to the Board.

From what I hear, you have done a good service to the cause by your recent visit to Norwich.

The Union Miss. Soc. have recently held their first anniversary in this city. Considerable changes have been made. I should of having nearly all the officers colored men, as many whites were elected as the Constitution allowed, and measures taken to have the best men elected another year without respect to complexion. Still it is intended to give intelligent & excellent men of colour their full share in the cause. Mr Pennington of Hartford was re-elected President, & Father Thurston of Maine is at the head of the Vice Presidents. An excellent Ex. Com. is chosen. Mr Brewer is one, tho' not chairman. He will conduct the Herald as a private enterprise, if at all. The Mendic. Com. & the Com. on Missions - chosen last Spring - will be merged in the Union Soc. The objects will be two fold - 1. To enlist intelligent men of color in the missionary enterprise, 2. to have a channel open for persons to contribute to the conversion of the heathen - including the slaves in this country - who are opposed to receiving money of slaveholders or having slaveholders in any wise connected with the management of missionary Societies. You were chosen one of the Managers. I have the honor to be Messrs. & Secretary. Let us try to do all the good we can, in a spirit of avoiding a village attitude towards the A. B. C. F. M.

The person who owes you called on me Saturday & said he could not pay the note. He promised to pay \$10 this week & \$10 each week until the whole should be paid. Finding there was no other way, I withdrew the note from the Bank. I think he will not keep his promise.

Very truly yours

Lewis Tappan

If the Reporter makes any reply or explanation with regard to the Mendic. mission please send me a paper. Who sustains Justin Edwards as Sabbath Agent?

